

January 17, 2012

Town of Golden Meadow
107 Jervis Drive
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met on for their regular re-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman David Adams
Councilman Mike Billiot
Councilman Frank Boura
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Priscilla Mounic

Those absent were: None

Others attending were John Bellanger, Desiree and Mathew Bryan, Chief Randy Chiasson, Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jamie Liner, Lawrence Mounic, Reggie Pitre, and David Rushing.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving the minutes from the Town of Golden Meadow's meeting held on January 4, 2012. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested Mr. Lawrence Falgout be removed from the agenda.

Chief Randy Chiasson presented the December 2011 Police Department stats and a graph comparing the 2010 and 2011 stats.

Chief Randy Chiasson recommended Ashley Pollard be hired as a full-time Officer. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the recommendation of Chief Randy Chiasson to hire Ashley Pollard as a full-time Police Officer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Randy Chiasson recommended Casey Autin and Brandon Lofton as reserve officers. Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving the recommendation of Chief Randy Chiasson to appoint Casey Autin as a reserve officer for the Police Department. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving the recommendation of Chief Randy Chiasson to appoint Brandon Lofton as a reserve officer for the Police Department. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a complaint regarding the safety of the old service station owned by Mr. Miles Bouvier located on North Bayou Drive. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he met with Mr. Bouvier and the building will be demolished in a few weeks.

Councilman David Adams presented a complaint regarding the cleaning of Morris Guidry's rental property located on 640 South Bayou Drive. Mr. John Bellanger informed the Mayor and Council he was in the process of cleaning the property.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council no Building Permits or Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- Kathy Spears property located off Jacob Drive is requesting an extension until February 6, 2012 to cut and clean her property. The Council unanimously approved the extension.
- A complaint was received regarding tall grass and trash on property owned Cheramie Apts., 128 Martinez Lane. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to the property owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Cheramie Apts., Inc. owner was presented a clean-up letter and a public nuisance letter. The deadline for the clean-up and removal of the public nuisance is February 7, 2012.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested nominations for the Board of Adjustments. Councilman Frank Boura nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene and Councilman David Adams seconded approving Resolution No. 1479 appointing Mr. Troy Dufrene to the Board of Adjustments for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested nominations for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Frank Boura nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene and Councilman David Adams seconded approving Resolution No. 1480 appointing Mr. Troy Dufrene to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the regular meeting scheduled on February 20, 2012 be re-scheduled on February 27, 2012. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the appraisal for property owned by Ms. Betty Ledet and the Dantin family in the amount of \$21,500.00 for the property located next to the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive. Mayor Bouziga informed the Council all parties involved agreed to the appraisal price. Mayor Bouziga informed the Council due to rounding off the shares of the property the purchase price would actually be \$21,502.15. After a brief discussion Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving Resolution No. 1481 authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga to sign all paperwork involving the purchase of property owned by Ms. Betty Ledet and the Dantin family located adjacent to the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357 in the amount of \$21,502.15. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Ms. Brittany Williams has been hired as the new part-time office worker. Mayor Bouziga informed the Council Ms. Williams is a resident of Golden Meadow.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Town would re-advertise for equipment operator.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding Police retirement, Chief of Police overtime, and Street Resurfacing Project to the agenda. No audience comments were presented. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving Mayor Bouziga add to the agenda the aforesaid items. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the police retirement would be increasing from 26.5% to 31 % on July 1, 2012.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving Chief Randy Chiasson's twelve hours of overtime on January 14, 2012. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he received a letter from Picciola & Associates, Inc. regarding the cracking of several streets addressed in correspondence sent to the Lafourche Parish Government for Street Resurfacing Project Phase II. The letter is to inform both Lafourche Parish and Golden Meadow, Mr. Joe Guilbeaux of South Louisiana Testing and Inspections determined that the street cracking is not structural, but is due to shrinkage caused by drought and trees near the edge of the streets. Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the recommendation to resolving the problem is after the dry season the cracks are sealed with an asphaltic base sealant.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council a meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 1:00 P.M. for the Street Resurfacing Project Phase III.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments:

Mr. John Bellanger addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the fence which passes on the south side of Golden Meadow Middle School and north side of his rental property located 640 South Bayou Drive. Mr. Bellanger informed the Council the fence is broken and causing a hazardous condition. Mr. Bellanger informed the Mayor and Council he has contacted the Lafourche Parish School Board regarding this matter and was unsuccessful in receiving any assistance. After a brief discussion Mayor Bouziga informed Mr. Bellanger he would contact Ms. JoAnne Mathews regarding this matter. Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Mayor Bouziga follow-up with a letter to the School Board. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mr. John Bellanger addressed the Council regarding a wall obstructing driver view located on the property of Mr. Perry Perrin. Mr. Bellanger informed the Mayor and Council he did discuss the matter with the property owner with no success. Mayor Bouziga informed Mr. Bellanger he would contact Mr. Perrin regarding this matter. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded

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authorizing Mayor Bouziga to follow up with a letter to Mr. Perry Perrin if a phone call does not resolve the problem. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mr. Troy Dufrene addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the removal of an old natural gas line on his property located at 106 North 3rd Street. Mr. David Rushing, the natural gas foreman, informed Mr. Dufrene he was free to cut and remove the gas line.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded adjourning this hearing at 7:24 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK